

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Currently in the case, after amendment, claims indicated as being allowable if re-written have been re-written. Other claims not allowed have been made to depend from claims which are allowed. Claims remaining independent are 6, 10, 15 & 19. Dependent claims are 3,7,8,9 (ultimately on 6); 11, 12, 13, 14 (ultimately on 10); 17 & 18 (ultimately on 19). All of the amendments are intended to rely upon the Examiner's indication of allowance.

As a result, it is believed that claims remaining are currently in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's Attorney at the number below between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, if such will advance this case.

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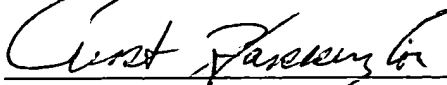
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